

REMARKS

The abstract and the specification have been amended to cure grammatical and idiomatic errors contained therein. The specification has also been amended to contain appropriate section headings. No new matter has been added.

In order to expedite the prosecution of the present application and respond to the formal rejections or objections made by the Examiner, Claims 1-11 and 13-20 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention, or to cure grammatical and idiomatic errors contained therein. Claim 12 has been cancelled.

Claims 12-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 12 has been cancelled because the subject matter of Claim 12 has been incorporated into Claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to contain the limitation of Claim 12 so that Claim 1 would be allowable. Claims 2-11 and 13-20 depend upon the allowable Claim 1, directly or indirectly.

For the above reasons allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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